

Central Intelligence Agency



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MEMORANDUM FOR: Robert M. Kimmitt

Executive Secretary

National Security Council

SUBJECT

EC/San Jose Meeting; Soviet/Cuban

Relations

Attached is the information on European Assistance to Central America and Soviet/Cuban relations you requested in your 14 September memorandum.

Executive Secretary

Attachment: As stated

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	of food or short-term balance-of-payments support. We estimate French aid in 1983 and 1984 at less than \$5 million annually. In 1980, Italy provided nearly \$4 million in net assistance, up from \$600,000 the previous year. During 1981-82, however, repayment of earlier credits left San Jose's balance between	2: 2:
(1	minus \$2 and minus \$5 million. Nevertheless, late in 1983 Rome opened a \$40 million line of credit, according to Costa Rican press. We have no information on terms for that loan. Earlier that year, Rome also donated \$1.6 million worth of rice, After President Monge's mid-	
	1984 European tour, Italy decided to provide \$25 million for a series of development projects, according to the US Embassy. The funds will be split evenly between grants and concessional	
	loans.	2
	France and West Germany have been the main providers of economic assistance. France contributed an average of \$12 million per year between 1979 and 1981, and nothing in 1982. West Germany has provided no aid since 1979, but announced in May the resumption of economic assistance following Duarte's	
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1982. The French assistance was probably largely in the form of guaranteed financing for French exports. Economic aid from other EC countries, as well as military aid from all EC countries, was negligible.
Honduras
The EC provided an annual average of \$6 million in economic aid between 1979 and 1982. Individually, West Germany, UK, the Netherlands, and France provided averages of \$6.5, \$4.5, \$3.5 and \$3 million, respectively, during the same period. West Germany will provide \$17 million for infrastructure, training, and agricultural projects in 1984. Military aid from the EC countries was negligible.
QUESTION 2: The amounts of economic and military assistance (if any) from the EC-10, Spain, Portugal or from any organizations within these countries to the FDR/FMLN, FDN, ARDE, MISURA.
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opinion, disagreements over the past year are symptomatic of the patron-client relationship of the two countries wherein both Moscow and Havana seek to maximize their gains from their bilateral ties.

This patron-client relationship has not undergone fundamental changes during the past year. Indeed, the prevailing trend toward closer cooperation is likely to continue, as Cuba--suffering economic difficulties at home--remains dependent upon the \$4-5 billion in economic aid provided annually by Moscow. Castro realizes that he has no alternative source for the massive Soviet aid that keeps his economy afloat. Moreover, the Cuban military depends almost entirely on the Soviets for weapons, equipment, and training. Soviet arms deliveries during the first six months of 1984 exceed the amount provided by Moscow during the same period last year.

Despite the mutual benefits derived from the relationship, several issues have caused friction between the two countries and, as has happened in the past, have temporarily strained Soviet-Cuban rapport. Over the past year, issues ranging from the loss of Grenada and Soviet policy in the Third World to Cuba's economic development and its role in CEMA have generated differences between leaders in Moscow and Havana. Even the longstanding question of the Soviet commitment to Cuba has risen again in the wake of Grenada—at least in Havana's eyes.

Soviet Support for Cuba

Statements by Cuban leaders over the last several months, including those of Castro, indicate that Havana is increasingly preoccupied with the reelection of President Reagan and their perception that the US will intervene in Central America and perhaps even attack Cuba directly. Believing that a confrontation with the US may be forthcoming, Castro's sense of vulnerability was almost surely heightened by the Grenada crisis. The fact that Moscow has virtually ignored Cuba's two most important holidays this year—the January 1 anniversary of the revolution and the July 26 anniversary of the storming of the Moncada barracks—may increase Cuban anxieties even further concerning Soviet support and solidarity:

-- Moscow did not send a delegation for the January 1 holiday; this is particularly noteworthy since this year was the 25th anniversary of the revolution. Minister of Culture Demichev visited from January 4-9 to help unveil a Lenin statue; Pravda noted that he met with Fidel

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-- A low-level Soviet delegation attended the July 26 event, but neither the Soviet nor Cuban media acknowledged its presence.

Traditionally, the Soviets use these occasions to highlight bilateral ties and to make statements of solidarity in support of the Cuban revolution. Moscow's failure to do so, at a time of major Cuban anxiety over US intentions, is not totally out of keeping with Moscow's current tack toward Central America/Caribbean as a whole. As evidenced by their policy in Nicaragua, the Soviets are playing down their involvement in the region, presumably to avoid inflamming US sensitivities. At the same time, however, they are delivering large amounts of military assistance to give Managua and Havana the means to defend themselves.

Soviet Third World Policies Disturb Castro

time when they believe they are seriously threatened and Soviet attention should be focused on Central America and the Third of Moscow's policy in the Third World, which some Cubans feel may portend a decline in support for Cuba.

The Cubans appear increasingly frustrated with the Soviets preoccupation with the situation in Europe, especially INF, at a Moreover, Havana apparently is unhappy with the direction 25X1 -- Cuban officials have complained Soviet preoccupation with the US and INF has weakened the socialist position in the Third World. Arguing for a more forceful Soviet role, they cited Mozambique as a situation where lack of Soviet support prompted a regime to look elsewhere, ie., by negotiating with South Africa at Nkomati. The Cubans also complained of Moscow's limited support of Grenada, which stood in contrast to the aid provided by Havana. 25X1 25X1 25X1 1.0 TOP SECRET

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Such concerns, together with growing US pressure, probably led Castro to begin talks with Washington on some bilateral issues, such as the refugee problem. Moscow's view of such moves is unclear; to date the Soviet media have not aacknowledged the US-Cuban talks.

Grenada

While there has been some controversy within the intelligence community over the extent and nature of Soviet-Cuban differences over Grenada, it is clear Castro was frustrated by Moscow's weak response. Moscow, conversely, was unhappy with Castro's subsequent interpretation of the events there.

- -- The official Soviet line, as elaborated in TASS commentary, placed blame for the Grenada episode on the US, whose "special services" were alleged to have penetrated Grenadan circles and created a pretext for the US intervention.
- -- Castro, in his 14 November speech at the funeral of the Cubans killed in Grenada, placed the blame squarely upon Coard, arguing that his actions set in motion the events which gave the US a pretext to intervene. So far Cuba has not adopted the Soviet line that alleged US intelligence involvement in the Bishop-Coard dispute.
- -- The TASS replay of the Castro speech pointedly omitted those paragraphs in the speech which discussed Coard's culpability.

The Soviets, however, may be adopting a new line which comes closer to Castro's position:

- -- In a May 1984 article in New Times, Soviet academican Ambartsumyan--in discussing Lenin's pragmatism and the need to keep in touch with the masses--condemned Coard for prematurely speeding up the course of the Grenadan revolution, a move for which the masses were not prepared. In so doing, according to the Soviet author, Coard paved the way for the forces of counterrevolution.
- -- A subsequent article in an August issue of <u>Literaturnaya</u>
 <u>Gazeta</u>, however, has repeated Moscow's original claims of
 a US provocation bringing down the regime in Grenada.

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Economic Planning and Cuba's Role in CEMA

A number of indicators suggest that Havana is unhappy over Moscow's "development strategy" for Cuba, and the specific role assigned Cuba in the long-term CEMA master plan:

-- An East European diplomat told the US interests Section in Havana that Cuba, during the pre-summit planning talks, sought to adjust its economic role to emphasize accelerated industrial development. The Cubans were evidently rebuffed, as the CEMA summit documents note that Cuba will continue instead to focus on agriculture. (This may explain Castro's absence from the summit; knowing his proposals had been rejected, he did not want to be identified directly with the summit resolutions).

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Differences on Cuba's economic plan and role within CEMA can be similarly inferred in a 26 June Pravda article by Cuban Politburo member Jorge Risquet:

-- The introduction--provided by <u>Pravda</u>--focuses exclusively on CEMA and its impact on Cuban economic development. It describes the CEMA summit as a "very important event in the history of world socialism and the international 25X1 communist and workers movement."

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In our opinion, Castro would ultimately accede to Soviet wishes, but he would resist Soviet pressure to increase Cuban involvement in Angola if it raised the possibility of social unrest in Cuba. Tensions could also develop if Castro felt the USSR had sold out in Angola or had used the Cuban troop issue in the bigger game of US-Soviet relations.

The Olympics Boycott

Castro delayed more than two weeks before following Moscow's lead in boycotting the US Olympics. (It took him several months to offer a full-fledged endorsement of the Soviet move into Afghanistan). While some might argue this is a "staged act", the decision was almost certainly a painful one for Castro:

-- Cuban success in olympic competition allows Castro to showcase the fruits of his "socialist system" and the new "socialist man;" "it also boosts morale at home."

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- -- Havana's failure to participate underscores its general isolation from the wider Latin community, as the other Latin states did participate--even the Nicaraguans.
- -- The Cuban boycott again made Cuba appear subservient to a Soviet master.

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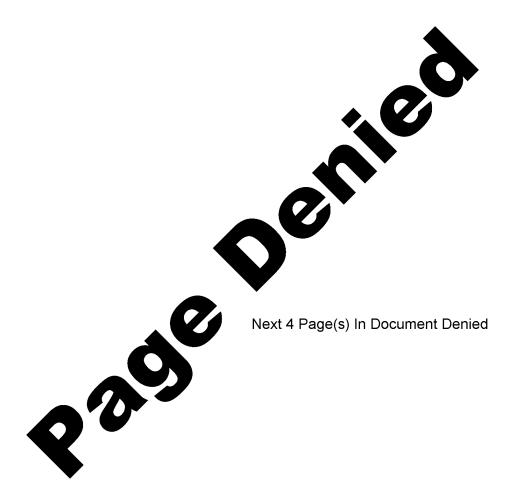
From the Soviet perspective, Cuba remains the most important symbol of Moscow's commitment to "socialist" change in the Third World. The Soviets still derive important political, geostrategic, and military benefits from the relationship. Cuba provides strong support for Moscow's policies in third world forums where the USSR has limited access. Cuba also gives the Soviets access to facilities in the Western Hemisphere from which they can discreetly promote their objectives and funnel support to leftist groups operating outside of Moscow's sphere of influence. Cuba's proximity to the US, moreover, enables Moscow to conduct intelligence and reconnaissance activities against the US.

The recent frictions in Soviet-Cuban relations stem from different perspectives on some issues owing to the Soviets broader responsibilities as a global power, several diplomatic setbacks over the last year, and Castro's heightened sense of vulnerability and need for Soviet assurances of support. Despite these recent policy disagreements, however, Moscow has maintained the high level of military deliveries to Cuba that have characterized the past few years (For details on the deliveries and types of equipment involved, see the chronology section.) This is consistent with past Soviet behavior, even during times of bilateral friction. In 1967, for example, Soviet military deliveries to Cuba surged when the Moscow-Havana relationship was at its lowest point. We believe Moscow will continue to deliver more and better equipment, in part to assuage Castro and to improve Cuban defense capabilities, and that the tactical differences between Moscow and Havana will not weaken their strategic relationship.

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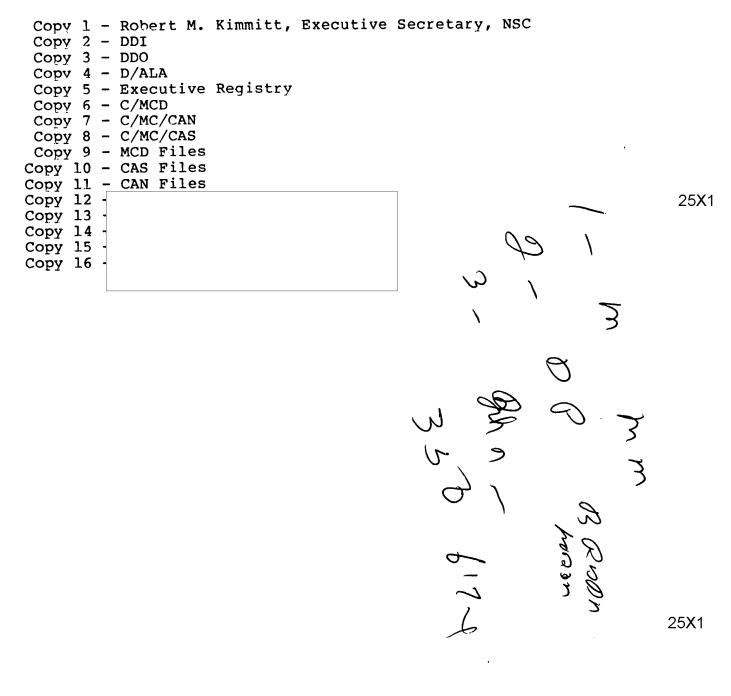
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2) The amounts of economic and military assistance (if any) from the EC-10, Spain, Portugal or from any organizations within these countries to the FDR/FMLN, FDN, ARDE, MISURA.

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